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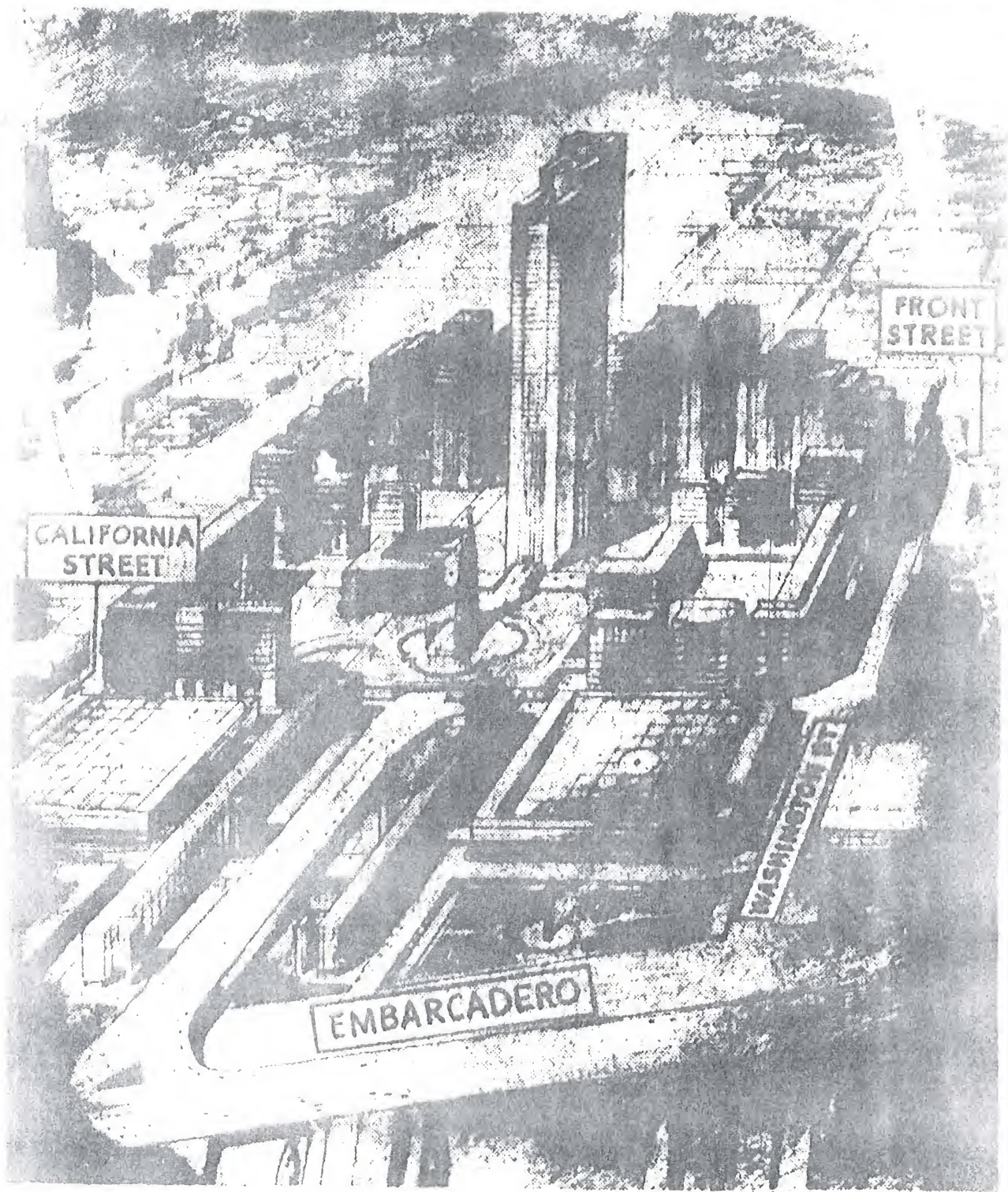
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PROPOSED WORLD TRADE CENTER—San Francisco is planning two huge trade centers, both resembling New York's "Rockefeller Center." One, "Apparel City," will house all phases of the west coast garment industry. The second is the "world trade center," sketch of which is shown here, to accommodate both buyers and sellers from the United States and from all the nations that may do business there.—Associated Press Photo 1945

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U. S. Hearing On Lewis

Supreme Court Session Closes; Decision Due Later

By the United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14—The U. S. Supreme Court closed out a wrangling, four-hour oral hearing in the case of the Government versus John L. Lewis tonight and adjourned without word as to when it will hand down its decision. All indications were that it would be three weeks or more before the nine Justices deliver their verdict on the appeals filed by Lewis and his United Mine Workers (AFL) against the \$3,510,000 fines levied upon them for defying an anti-strike injunction issued by the Federal District Court last November. The bushy-browed Lewis, whose bellicose oratory threw the lower court into an uproar when the case came to its first legal test last month, was conspicuously absent today.

In his place were his union's chief attorney, Welly K. Hopkins, and Joseph A. Padway, general counsel for the AFL, who repeated his claim that the Federal Court had no right to issue the restraining order in the soft coal labor dispute.

They denounced the court order as unconstitutional, the contempt of court fines as harsh and excessive, and the entire affair as an example of "government by injunction" at its worst.

Attorney General Tom C. Clark and Assistant Attorney General John F. Sonnett countered with the charge that Lewis' defiance of the Federal Court was "an insult to the United States" and an invitation to "mob rule."

The black-robed justices themselves intervened frequently in the hammer-and-tongs debate.

The trend of their questioning indicated to courtroom observers that the justices were giving considerable weight to the Government's contention that Lewis should have obeyed the anti-strike order.

Justice Jackson broke in and told Sonnett he should devote some argument to what would happen if the courts lacked authority to issue an injunction in a case like the coal dispute.

"I'm trying to get to that," said Sonnett.

"Well, you better get on it," Jackson replied.

Clark hammered hard at that point. He said Lewis and his union appeared in Federal District Court

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World Trade Center Is Proposed for S. F.

State Harbor Board Presents Highly Favorable Report to the Legislature

Construction of a \$55,000,000 world trade center in San Francisco was enthusiastically recommended to the State Legislature yesterday.

The recommendation, concluding a 237-page report submitted by the State Board of Harbor Commissioners, is expected to give new impetus to a project long advocated by California business leaders.

Dr. Tadeusz Spitzer, eminent port authority and international economist, who prepared the report after a nine-month survey, declared the world trade center not only feasible and desirable but said it is imperative for the welfare of San Francisco, of all California and of a great economic block of 15 Western States.

By action of both houses of the Legislature early last year the board was charged with investigating the proposed world trade center and reporting on its feasibility, its desirability, its importance to the Bay Area and to the State, its effect on employment and its possibilities for self-support.

MANDATORY

On all counts Dr. Spitzer found the project not only acceptable out mandatory. He vigorously urged expenditure of \$55,000,000 over a five-year period for acquisition of the needed land and construction of necessary facilities and confidently reported the center will prove economically sound.

Though selection of a site and means of financing are beyond the field of the Spitzer report, tentative proposals already have come forward from officials of World Trade Center, Inc., nonprofit organization recently formed to promote the enterprise.

Most favored location for the center is the present produce district, which would be vacated when the wholesale produce market is trans-

ferred to a larger, more convenient site south of Market street.

For immediate development, the choice seems to be the area within California, Market and Front streets and the Embarcadero, with the two blocks bounded by Battery, Clay, Front and Jackson streets acquired for later development.

30 STORY TOWER

Plans devised by William G. Merchant, local architect, call for a 30 story tower as the central building, with four groups of office structures to house export and import firms, manufacturers engaged in world trade, foreign consular officials, and others employed in promoting international commerce.

The inner courts of the four groups would serve as exhibition halls for American and foreign products. Two full blocks of buildings would serve as centers for transportation, and special Government buildings would be provided. Also proposed, for the two blocks bounded by Jackson, Davis and Washington streets and the Embarcadero, is a new civic auditorium, accommodating 20,000 persons.

Various proposals for financing the project, on a nonprofit basis are under consideration.

In stamping enthusiastic approval upon the \$55,000,000 project, Dr. Spitzer calls attention to the exceptional suitability of San Francisco as a center of world trade. He cites its "eminent position" as a harbor, a city, a center of marketing, industry, finance and communications, and as a focal point of world trade for the entire West.

It is immaterial, Dr. Spitzer told

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Rain Fails to Keep Its Date With Bay Area

Rainfall expected yesterday failed to appear except for a few brief, scattered showers. The Weather Bureau's prediction for today is for clear skies, slightly warmer tempera-

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DR. TADEUSZ SPITZER
'Focal point for the West'

More About S. F. World Trade Center

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the Legislature, whether the Bay Area be considered as five counties, or six, or even 12.

"The radius of influence and the tributary areas are not limited in any way," he reported. "All of California will be influenced by the development of the Bay Area which has an outstanding position in many regards."

Just as he extends the "Bay Area" so does he extend "the West," predicting "establishment of an economic unity of the 15 Western States, including North and South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas." Previously, he said, only the 11 States between the Coast and the Rockies have been considered within the Western economy.

In discussing desirability of the trade center, Dr. Spitzer comments: "The undertaking of a world trade center in San Francisco, which may at first, seem to be a local problem, is far beyond the political and geographical limits of San Francisco. World trade is basic in this undertaking and many generations will benefit from it."

MORE EMPLOYMENT

The city, he points out, will benefit through construction of a group of modern buildings, additional business, new concerns, and an influx of visitors.

California as a whole will obtain new business in mining, agriculture, industry—and tourists.

Employment will be augmented, reports Dr. Spitzer. He says: "All services such as shipping will employ an increased number of people. The Trade Center itself will have more than 2800 persons employed in its construction over a period of four years. It will give permanent employment to some 500 persons in the operation of its buildings, exclusive of the thousands employed in various businesses housed in the World Trade Center."

had declared that suppression, coercion and intimidation of voters and repressive measures against Vice-Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk's Polish peasant party had made virtually impossible the free and unfettered elections foreseen in the Yalta and Potsdam agreements.

A new Polish note, handed to American Ambassador Arthur Bliss Lane by the Foreign Ministry, declared as "unfounded" the allegations that conditions existing in Poland violated the Yalta and Potsdam agreements.

The Polish Government contended it was fulfilling all the obligations incurred at Potsdam. It added that the question of electing representatives to parliament was one exclusively within the province of the Polish people. The note ended with the crisp observation that since the elections were being held Sunday there was no further need for discussion.

Opposition leaders declared that armed progovernment gangs were spreading terror among antigovernment forces, and that the "last hope" had vanished that Poland's elections would be unfettered.

Asked to comment on accusations by the opposition leader, Vice Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, that members of the Polish Peasant Party (PSL) had been stripped of their civil rights, President Boleslaw Bierut replied:

"I don't know what kind of civil liberties Mikolajczyk would allow if the PSL won the election. In pre-war times we had less civil liberties than now. Mikolajczyk then was a political leader, and he showed no keenness to fight for civil liberties."

Poland Sentences Three to Death For Treason

WARSAW, Jan. 14 (AP)—A Polish military tribunal today sentenced Count Kawery Grocholski and two other men to death for high treason on charges they were members of an organization which sought to overthrow the Warsaw government by force.

During the trial, one of the defendants testified that the British Ambassador to Poland had received state and military secrets from the underground organization, known as WIN.

Condemned with Grocholski were Waldemar Baczak, 24, former employee of the Polish Foreign Ministry, and Captain Witold Kalicki, 36, of the Interior Security Corps.

Dark-haired, attractive Chrystina Koslerek, 22, the fourth defendant, was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

The presiding Judge, Colonel Martin Bartman, said the defendants had been granted seven days in which to appeal to the Supreme Military Tribunal.

Helmut Tauber also was beheaded for the murder of his aunt.

All sentences had been passed by German courts and approved by the Allies. The executions were completed in 25 minutes.

Russ-German Conference Is Called Vital

BERLIN, Jan. 14 (AP)—The Russian-licensed newspaper Nacht Express said today Soviet officials were meeting with German political leaders in "conferences of the highest importance to discuss fundamental plans for a future Germany capable of existing."

The newspaper said reparations were a major topic and that "it appears the Soviet military administration is prepared to make concessions to German wishes, especially in the matter of dismantling German factories."

"It also appears," the Express added, "that the question of taking reparations out of current German production may be settled in such a manner that all reasonable German wishes will be given extensive consideration by the Soviets."

The newspaper predicted the conference would bring for Germany "more substantial results than were achieved by those Germans who have recently journeyed to London and, despite promises, unfortunately returned empty handed."

This comment was aimed especially at Kurt Schumacher, leader of the Social Democratic party, who recently visited the United Kingdom.

"The current conferences," the Express added, "are of the highest importance for two reasons. In the first place, they will let Germany—at least the Soviet occupation zone—know on what economic basis it may figure to attempt its reconstruction. Secondly, the policy of moderation and reconciliation which the Soviet Union displays in her decisions will have an effect on the forthcoming conferences of the Foreign Ministers' Council in Moscow dealing with Germany. It may persuade the other participants in the Moscow negotiations to adopt a similar line."

Russ Increase Rations For Nonworking Adults

BERLIN, Jan. 14 (AP)—The Soviet military administration today announced an increase in food rations, effective February 1, in the Russian zone, giving the normal customer about 210 to 230 calories more daily. The change affected only the lowest ration group, which includes housewives, the aged and other non-working adults.

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